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6. [redacted] Notified Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, of the developments regarding our disposition of Southern Air Transport and the fact that this might result in some publicity in connection with the CAB consideration in the matter.

Slatinshek said he appreciated the call in view of Chairman Nedzi's desire to make certain the Committee is not caught by surprise on such matters. In this connection Slatinshek asked if a request for a listing of all of our "properties and investments would cause us any heartburn." I said we would be glad to try to provide such a list.

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7. [redacted] Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, told me that Peggy Rhoades, of NBC, had called on him in connection with the television documentary they are doing on the Agency, and asked a number of questions about the members of our Special Group--which Preston said was now being handled on an unclassified basis--and about the number and nature of our appearances before the Committee. He said he had given her my name as someone who might be able to answer her questions.

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8. [redacted] Richard Perle, Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee staff, called to say he had some rather sensitive questions regarding the "grain deal" which he would like to give us in person. I said one of us would drop by tomorrow.

Perle reminded me we still owed him an answer on the question of

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how much [redacted] I said I would try to have an answer to that tomorrow.

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9. [redacted] I called Mark Spiegel of the Office of Legal Adviser, Department of State, and discussed with him our respective agency positions to S. Con. Res. 23 which establishes a Joint Committee to oversee information and intelligence programs of the U. S. Government

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and specifically the activities of CIA and USIA. Sid Buford of Spiegel's office had earlier called [redacted] and asked for our position. We discussed problems with the bill, such as the conflict of the Joint Committee with existing Congressional committee oversight; the broad range of language which would result in practically all agencies of government being included; and a technical point on the legal sufficiency of the bill which USIA will raise. We agreed that since the bill concerns matters which the Congress itself should determine, the best approach would be not to make any specific recommendations on the bill. Spiegel understood that my comments were purely informal as an Agency position has not yet been finalized.

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